Amendments to the Specification

Amend paragraph [023] as follows.

In the image reading section 3, [[a]] first and second carriages 32 and 33, which carry a light source to shine an original document and mirror, moves back and forth to scan the original document (not shown) placed on a platen 31. A lens ~~35~~ 34 condenses image information acquired by scanning the original document onto an imaging surface of a CCD 35 disposed behind the lens ~~35~~ 34. The CCD 35 read the image information as an image signal. The read image signal is processed into a digitized form. A laser diode (not shown) in the exposing device 7 emits light based on the processed image signal to optically write an image on a surface of the photoconductive element 61, thereby forming an electrostatic latent image thereon. The light emitted from the laser diode is guided to the surface of the photoconductive element 61 via a known polygon mirror and lens. Automatic document feeder 36 that automatically conveys an original document to the platen 31 is provided above the image reading section 3.

Amend paragraph [030] as follows.

Image data for forming an image is input into the image input section 202 via a scanner (i.e., image reading section 3) and/or a network. The image data input from the scanner is processed by the image processing section 203. The image data is then stored in the memory section ~~240~~ 204 and/or an image writing operation is directly performed by the exposing device 7. If data, in which an image is processed, is input, for example, from a facsimile, the data is stored in the memory section 204 without being processed by the image processing section 203 and/or the image writing operation is directly performed by the exposing device 7. In the image forming section 1, a latent image formed on a surface of the photoconductive element 61 through an image writing operation is developed into a visible toner image. The toner image is transferred onto the recording sheet 20 conveyed from the

sheet feeding section 2. The toner image is fixed by the fixing device 8. The recording sheet 20 having the fixed toner image is then discharged. When an image is formed on both surfaces of the recording sheet 20, the recording sheet 20 is reversed by the duplex unit 9 and conveyed to the image forming section 1 again. After the image is formed on a back surface of the recording sheet 20, the recording sheet 20 is discharged.

Insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs [043] and [044].

If it is determined at step 608 that the type of the fed recording sheet 20 does not match the type of the recording sheet 20 set by the operator, the image forming operation is stopped and the recording sheet 20 in a recording sheet conveying path is discharged at step 614. When the recording sheet 20 is discharged, the separation pick 81 provided in the vertical sheet conveying path 27 is switched to the side of the sheet discharging path 83 so that the recording sheet 20 is discharged to the sheet accommodating tray 82, but is not conveyed to the image forming section 1. The apparatus displays a mismatch between the types of the fed recording sheet 20 and the recording sheet 20 set by the operator on the operation display section 206 at step 615.

Amend paragraph [045] as follows.

Fig. 7 is a flow chart illustrating an example of a controlling step of the image forming apparatus when the image forming apparatus is configured such that a type of the recording sheet 20 is detected before the recording sheet 20 is fed from the sheet feeding tray 21. According to this example, a reflective photosensor 40' is provided at a specific portion of the sheet feeding tray 21 instead of being positioned at a downstream side of the sheet feeding tray 21 in a recording sheet conveying direction in the sheet conveying path. According to this example, the reflective photosensor 40' is provided at a hook-shaped portion ~~23a~~ 22a formed at an upper end portion of the side fence 22. The reflective photosensor 40' is disposed in a downward direction such that it faces the recording sheet 20.

The side fence 22 is provided to even up edges of a stack of the recording sheets 20 in a direction perpendicular to a direction in which the recording sheet 20 is conveyed. The above-described configuration is also applied to the manual sheet feeding tray 84. In this case, the reflective photosensor 40' is provided on a side fence 84a of the manual sheet feeding tray 84 in a similar manner illustrated in Fig. 8.